Sighting of UAV's in Ladakh

3229. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several Unmanned Aerial Vehicles have been sighted in Ladakh area during March, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that similar UAVs were sighted before Kargil war;

(d) if so, the steps taken to dispel fear among people living in Ladakh about the fallout of UAVs and to take up the issue with originating country, if identified; and

(e) what could be the purpose of floating these UAVs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise

(e) The purpose of UAV generally is aerial observation of specific areas.

Import of Uranium from Russia

3230. SHRI HARISH RAWAT"
SHRI R.K.ANAND:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russia has expressed its inability to supply enriched Uranium to India to meet the demand of Tarapur Nuclear Power Plant;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have contemplated any alternative arrangements for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir. No formal communication has been received from the Russian Govemment with regard to supply of enriched Uranium for Tarapur Atomic Power Project.